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LEOMINSTER & WIGMORE RURAL DISTRICT
Herefordshire



Joint
A N N U A L R E P O R T
of the
Medical Officer of Health
and of the
Public Health Inspector
for the year 1963

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(As at 31st December 1963)

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To the Chairman and Members of the Leominster and Wigmore
Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1963, together with the report of the Public Health Inspector.

The Statistical Section does not show anything of great significance, nor does that on Infectious Disease. The Public Health Inspector's report on Water and on Drainage and Sewerage show what a vast amount of leeway has still to be made up. Nevertheless, members of the Council can look back on 1963 as the last of the years of waiting, and on 1964 as the year when things began to move both in our own drainage schemes and in the Water Board's operations in the Bircher area.

I would like to thank Mr. Emerson for his help in the past year, and for his report which contains a great deal of interesting and informative material.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) .. .. .	..	..	94,101
Estimated mid-year home population .. ..	..	..	9,580
Average number of persons per acre .. ..	..	..	.102
Number of inhabited houses .. .. .	..	..	2,951
Average number of inhabited houses per acre			0.03
Average number of persons per house .. ..	..	..	3.3
Rateable Value .. .. .	..	..	£185,508
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. ..	..	..	£715

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	82	76	158
Illegitimate	8	5	13
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	90	81	171
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Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.16	1963	1962	196	1960	1959
Leominster & Wigmore R.D. (Crude)	17.8	15.2	15.3	17.1	16.2
" " " " (Adjusted)	20.6	17.8	17.9	20.0	19.0
England and Wales ..	18.2	18.0	17.4	17.1	16.5

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D. ..	7.6
England and Wales ..	figure not yet available

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Leominster & Wigmore R.D. ..	11.6	20.1	26.5	22.9	35.7
England and Wales ..	17.3	18.1	19.1	19.8	21.0

INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D. ..	5.9
England and Wales	×

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D. ..	11.7
England and Wales	×

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	3	-	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D. ..	17.3
England and Wales	×

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	(Total	11.7	13.7	13.6	11.7	37.0
	(Legitimate	6.3	14.1	7.0	6.1	38.5
	(Illegitimate	76.9	Nil	250.0	125.0	Nil
England & Wales	(Total	20.9	21.7	21.6	21.9	22.2
	(Legitimate	×	21.3	21.2	21.5	21.9
	(Illegitimate	×	27.2	25.3	26.4	27.4

× figures not yet available

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D. .. Nil
 England and Wales *

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total		
Total number of deaths from all causes:	75	53	128		
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
Comparability factor: 0.89	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Leominster & Wigmore R.D. (Crude)	13.4	12.3	14.2	10.0	10.9
" " " " (Adjusted)	11.9	11.2	12.2	8.6	9.3
England and Wales ..	12.2	11.9	12.0	11.5	11.6

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total		
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	17	9	26		
Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Leominster & Wigmore R.D. ..	2.71	2.19	2.50	1.80	1.30
England and Wales ..	*	2.18	2.15	2.16	2.14

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total		
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	34	29	63		
Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Leominster & Wigmore R.D. ..	6.58	7.93	7.71	5.69	6.00
England and Wales ..	*	6.14	6.10	6.00	5.88

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total		
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	10	4	14		
Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Leominster & Wigmore R.D. ..	1.46	1.25	1.66	1.00	1.60
England and Wales ..	*	1.57	1.60	1.26	1.53

* figures not yet available

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	1	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	15	7	22
Vascular lesions of nervous system	9	7	16
Coronary disease, angina	13	8	21
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1	1
Other heart disease	10	9	19
Other circulatory disease	2	4	6
Pneumonia	4	2	6
Bronchitis	5	2	7
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Congenital malformations	1	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	6	10
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-	2
All other accidents	4	2	6
Suicide	1	-	1
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TOTAL:	75	53	128
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN THE LEOMINSTER & WIGMORE RURAL DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR 1963.

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	-	-	5	-	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	11
Measles	-	-	3	1	1	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	10
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	3
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Acute Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	1	6
Acute Encephalitis:													
Infective	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Dysentery	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HERFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1963

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	-	-	5	-	6	6	4	2	2	1	3	-	29
Measles	18	17	122	94	27	74	72	49	15	2	2	15	507
Scarlet Fever	-	1	2	3	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	5	12
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	3
Acute Encephalitis:													
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Post-Infectious	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	2	2	3	-	1	-	-	3	-	1	-	1	13
Dysentery	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	7
Food Poisoning	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	7
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	2	-	2	1	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	9
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASECOMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARSLeominster & Wigmore Rural District

Disease	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Whooping Cough	11	11	30	30	21
Measles	10	141	163	22	76
Scarlet Fever	3	4	4	3	11
Erysipelas	2	2	3	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	6	6	4	4	9
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	2	2	-	2	-
Post-Infectious	-	2	-	1	-
Dysentery	4	-	53	22	-
Food Poisoning	2	3	9	31	1
Paratyphoid Fever	2	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	3	1	1	2	3
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	-	1	-

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	29	13	126	70	38
Measles	507	337	583	189	388
Scarlet Fever	12	9	11	23	46
Erysipelas	3	5	3	4	4
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	2	2	1	3	-
Post-Infectious	1	2	-	1	-
Acute Pneumonia	13	15	18	18	33
Dysentery	7	1	62	123	3
Food Poisoning	7	5	11	39	3
Paratyphoid Fever	2	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	1	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	9	7	9	7	13
Non-Pulmonary	1	2	2	3	2
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	-	1	-	-	-

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Here- fordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	0.79	0.74
Measles	13.92	12.76
Scarlet Fever	0.33	0.37
Erysipelas	0.08	0.03
Acute Encephalitis:		
Infective	0.05	0.003
Post-Infectious	0.03	0.004
Acute Pneumonia	0.35	0.30
Dysentery	0.19	0.67
Food Poisoning	0.19	0.12
Paratyphoid Fever	0.05	0.007
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.25	0.35
Non-Pulmonary	0.03	0.05
* Puerperal Pyrexia	1.65	7.44

* per 1,000 total live and still births.

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1962.	35	16	12	12
New cases notified	1	2	-	-
Left district	-	1	-	-
Recovered	-	1	-	2
Died	-	1	-	-
Died from other causes	1	-	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December, 1963.	35	15	12	10

TUBERCULOSIS (Continued)

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1959	2	72	1	4
1960	4	78	—	1
1961	1	78	1	1
1962	2	75	1	3
1963	3	72	1	3

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1946, Section 47
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORTSUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

1. Inspections of houses under Housing and Public Health Acts	112
2. Caravans	126
3. Overcrowding	4
4. Housing Applicants	68
5. Nuisances (other than drainage)	19
6. Drainage	43
7. Verminous Premises	3
8. Water supplies	170
9. Food Premises	19
10. Food Vans and Stalls	5
11. Slaughterhouses	168
12. Knackers Yard	3
13. Milk Regulations	4
14. Infectious Diseases	15
15. Factories Acts	7
16. Refuse Collection and Disposal	92
17. Rodent Control	20
18. Petroleum Acts	54
19. Local Land Charges	53
20. Miscellaneous	217
21. Revisits	115
22. Ice Cream	4
23. Flooding	15

WATER SUPPLIES - Public Supplies

The Herefordshire Water Board are responsible for the various public undertakings in the district as follows:

Parish	Houses supplied direct	Houses sharing Standpipes
Adforton	30	3
Aymestrey and Yatton	44	1
Leintwardine	153	9
Lingen	29	-
Luston	75	4
Orleton	57	-
Richards Castle	34	-
Shobdon	64	-
Wigmore	72	-

The first connections were made to the Orleton supply, some 57 properties being connected by the end of the year.

It is anticipated that mains water will be brought to Kingsland, Yarpole and Bircher shortly, and schemes are being drawn up for supplying the Leysters, Kimbolton and Puddlestone areas from the Easton bore.

The Water Board have also taken over the supplies to the following Council Houses:

Bodenham	..	14	houses
Brimfield	..	16	"
Kimbolton	..	12	"
Little Hereford	..	8	"
Luton	..	6	"
Monkland	..	10	"

Periodical sampling of all the Board's supplies is carried out and the water submitted for bacteriological examination. Samples from the Luton supply continued to be unsatisfactory and chlorination of the water was introduced in the latter half of the year. Contamination also occurred at Lingen, Bodenham and Adforton and in each case steps were taken by the Board to trace the cause and restore a satisfactory supply.

Other Water Supplies

Throughout the district a number of houses are without individual water supply, and in other parts without main supplies water is mainly from shallow wells and springs, and is often not of a satisfactory quality. As well as the direct and obvious drawbacks of insufficient supplies of water, improvement of the standard of housing in the affected areas is retarded.

Certain groups of houses, large and small, are at present supplied with piped water from private sources. In many of these cases the amount, quality at source, and pressure of water is good, but due to the lack of proper control and knowledge the water becomes polluted before reaching the consumer. In cases where pollution is discovered or advice sought, steps are taken to trace and remove the contamination, and until the water is certified as wholesome warnings are given that the water should be boiled.

Water Sampling

One hundred and eightytwo samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination during the year and sent to the laboratory at Hereford. These samples produced the following results:

Satisfactory	..	67
Unsatisfactory	..	115

Public Swimming Baths

There is no public swimming bath in the district.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGEPublic Sewers, other than Council Houses Estates:

Location	Number of dwellings connected	Sewage Disposal
Brampton Bryan	27	Septic tank
Kingsland	85	None
Leintwardine	158	Septic tank
Wigmore	75	Land irrigation
Shobdon	40	Settlement and filtration

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE (Continued)

Schemes for the sewerage of Kingsland and the provision of improved disposal at Leintwardine are in preparation, apart from these two parishes the following require sewerage in the order set out.

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (1) Orleton | (8) Brimfield |
| (2) Luston | (9) Kimbolton |
| (3) Yarpole | (10) Bodenham |
| (4) Richards Castle | (11) Shobdon (remainder of village) |
| (5) Monkland | (12) Aymestrey |
| (6) Stoke Prior | (13) Hope-under-Dinmore |
| (7) Brampton Bryan | |

Sewage disposal works on Council house estates have received frequent inspection. These plants are working satisfactorily. The contents of the settling tanks and humus tanks are removed at regular intervals.

In the remainder of the district sewage disposal at individual premises where facilities exist, is mainly by private septic tank, and in other cases pail closets and some privies are in use. There are, however, far too many houses where the sink drainage discharges into the nearest ditch, often the highway ditch. The answer to this does not lie in piping the ditch as this only removes the offensive matter to another place, but in requiring the owners to provide adequate drainage under the Public Health Act, 1936, even though this may mean the provision of a sealed cesspool which will require regular emptying.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A curbside collection of refuse, operated by the Council, is carried out twice monthly in the built-up areas of the larger parishes, and once monthly in the remainder of the district. This frequency gives rise to difficulties, both in the built-up areas when a third week occurs between collections, and in the other areas, particularly if for some reasons, e.g. weather conditions or the householders forgetting to put the bin out, a collection is missed.

The exceptionally bad winter of 1962/3 resulted in severe dislocation of the rounds and certain remote parts of the district were without a collection for 2 or 3 months. Difficulties were experienced with running the vehicle in the extremely cold weather and credit must be given to the men employed on this work for maintaining the service in the major part of the district.

All refuse is disposed of by tipping, the main tip being at Shobdon and others at Leintwardine, Brimfield and Risbury.

Trouble is still being experienced with the unauthorised dumping of old cars and body parts on these tips; the disposal of old cars has become a country-wide problem. The low price of scrap metal makes it uneconomical to prepare a car for scrap, which involves removing all non-

REFUSE COLLECTION (Continued)

metallic parts. Certain people therefore are ever ready to find any easy way of parting with their worn out vehicles, regardless of all other considerations.

Although a Hereford firm have publicly announced that they will dispose of any old vehicles taken to them, many owners are not prepared to incur the expense or trouble in transporting cars and vans to their scrapyard.

HOUSING

The Stoons Bridge housing estate was completed early in the year and 19 families from unfit houses in the area were rehoused. An additional 8 dwellings were completed at Shobdon five of which house families from unfit houses.

35 houses were completed by the Council during the year, and 17 were built by private persons.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under the Public Health and Housing Acts	..	..	..	..	93
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose					112
(2) (a)	Number of houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	..	..	..	..	92

Houses dealt with under Sections 16 & 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.

Demolition Orders made	..	..	..	..	25
Closing Orders made	..	..	..	..	6
Undertakings accepted	..	..	..	..	25

Notices Issued

Informal	..	..	..	..	17
Statutory	..	..	..	..	Nil

Action under Statutory Notices during the year

Proceedings under Public Health Acts	..	Nil
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Council Houses

Parish	Name of Housing Estate	Number of Dwellings	Source of Water supply	Sewage Disposal
Adforton	Orchard Close	6	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
Aymestrey	Council Houses	2	River (HWB)	Septic tank
Bodenham	Caldervale	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
	Old Council Houses	4	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
Brimfield	Wyson Avenue	16	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
	Old Council Houses	2	Shallow well	Cesspool
Hope-under-Dinmore	Council Houses	4	Shallow well	Septic tank
Humber	Humber Close	27	Borehole	Complete works
Kimbolton	Chestnut Ave.	12	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
	New Road	2	Shallow well	Septic tank
Kingsland	Boarsfield	12	Shallow well	Sewer ditch
	Old Council Houses	6	Shallow well	Sewer ditch
	Hostel	6	Shallow well	Septic tank
Leintwardine	Rosemary	12	Shallow well (HWB)	Septic tank (public sewer)
Lingen	Council Houses	4	Borehole (HWB)	Septic tank
Little Hereford	Temple Meadow	8	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
	Aynall Lane	2	Spring	Septic tank
	Old Council Houses	4	Shallow well	Cesspool
Luston	Westland View	12	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
	Eye Lane	4	Shallow well	Cesspool

Council Houses (Continued)

Parish	Name of Housing Estate	Number of Dwellings	Source of Water supply	Sewage Disposal
Lucton	St. Peter's Square	6	Land spring (HWB)	Complete works
Monkland	Baker Lea	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
Orleton	Green Lane	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
	Halletts Well	12	Shallow well	Septic tank
Richards Castle	Springfield	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
Shobdon	The Grove	30	River (HWB)	Public sewer
Wigmore	Ford Street	8	Borehole (HWB)	Land irrigation (Public sewer)
	Old Council Houses	8	Borehole (HWB)	Land irrigation (Public sewer)
Yarpole	James Close	8	Shallow well	Septic tank

HWB - Herefordshire Water Board Supply.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There are 18 permanent and temporary residential sites in the district licenced for a total of 29 caravans. During the year three licences were renewed and five new licences were issued in respect of these sites. In five cases the sites are licenced pending the erection of dwellings.

In addition to the above there are 7 sites, catering for 69 vans, approved for holiday purposes in respect of which one new licence and one renewal were issued during the year.

From time to time complaints are received regarding caravans occupied by gypsies being parked in certain areas. Many of these people are employed by local farmers during the various seasons and try to find winter quarters in the area. The services of these people are in demand by certain members of the community and there is a need to cater for the siting of their vans during the winter months.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960
(Continued)

A more troublesome type of caravaner has appeared recently in the form of itinerant families of Irish origin, trading in beds and old furniture. They camp for several days on waste land and leave a considerable amount of litter including old mattresses and furniture. This has been removed by the Council from time to time. These people have no fixed address in this country and it is extremely difficult to successfully institute proceedings against them. They appear to be attracted to the district in order to deal with certain tradespeople in the town who buy furniture from them and supply them with new mattresses.

Camping Sites

Camping holidays are becoming much more popular with the advent of the continental type of tent, but so far camping has not presented any problem in the district.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no premises registered in the district.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Factories Acts 1937 and 1948

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by local authority	19	-	-	-
Factories not in- cluded in above in which Sec.7 is en- forced by L.A.	31	2	-	-
Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by L.A.	3	5	1	-
TOTALS:	53	7	1	-

Cases in which defects were found:

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Sanitary Conveniences: Insufficient	1	1

There are no factories in the district known to employ outworkers.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Nineteen inspections were made at various food-shops in the district.

The undermentioned food was condemned as being unfit for human consumption:

Meat .. 967½ lb.

Other foods .. 6 lb.

Number and Type of Food Premises

(a) Grocers (including sale of fruit, fish, game, vegetables and pre-packed ice-cream, sweets and sugar confectionary)	.. ..	30
(b) Restaurants and catering establishments		5
(c) Licenced Premises (Hotels, Inns & Clubs)		31
(d) Bakers and Confectioners	.. ..	2
(e) Butchers	.. ..	3
(f) Central kitchen for school meals	..	1
(g) Mobile Canteens	.. ..	None

Number of Food Premises Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

(h) Sale of pre-packed ice-cream (including premises above)	.. ..	30
(i) <u>Preparation or Manufacture of sausages, or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food</u>		
Butchers	.. ..	1

Milk Supply

The whole of the district is a specified area under the Food and Drugs Act 1955, and only heat treated and T.T. milk is allowed to be sold retail.

The heat treated milk retailed in the district is supplied to the retailers by two firms outside the area. T.T. (farm bottled) milk is supplied by several local farmers.

There are five dairies (excluding farm dairies) registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are two licenced slaughterhouses in the district, both situated at Leintwardine, the licences of which were renewed at the beginning of the year. Both premises now belong to the same owner and the closure of one slaughterhouse is anticipated.

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part are set out in the following table:

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	199	9	2	1207	206	—
Number inspected	199	9	2	1207	206	—
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	1	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	26	3	—	291	33	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	13%	33.3	—	24.2%	16%	—
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned, and carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	1	3	—
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned, and carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	6	—	—	—	—	—

SLAUGHTERHOUSES (Continued)

The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, came into force in October. These regulations require Local Authorities to provide 100% inspection of meat and to notify the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food where inspection cannot be carried out. Arrangements have been made with Ludlow Rural District Council to cover periods of absence due to leave etc. All carcasses which are passed as fit for human consumption are now stamped.

PETROLEUM LICENCING

Sixty licences were renewed during the year and one new licence was issued.

CONTAMINATION OF GROUND BY POISON

Enquiries were received from a farmer who on two occasions after confining sheep in his yard for a short period had lost a number due to arsenical poisoning. Soil samples were taken and analysed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and the contamination traced to an implement shed where it is assumed that the previous occupier, an agricultural contractor, had parked tractors which had been employed on weed spraying, and that spray had dripped on to the ground from the tanks and the spray arms. The soil was removed and buried and the floor of the shed concreted.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

All Local Authority refuse tips are treated at regular intervals for rats and vermin, and sewer outfalls received treatment when infested.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non Agricultural				Agricultural
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	All other (including Business Premises)	Total	
Number of properties in Local Authority's district	7	3092	227	3326	996
Number of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	1	3	1	5	1
(b) Survey under the Act	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	3	3	7	13	1
Number of properties inspected (in Sc.11) which were found to be infested by					
(a) Rats Major	-	-	1	1	1
Minor	4	4	-	8	1
(b) Mice Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	2	-	2	-
Number of infested properties (in Sc.1V) treated by the L.A.	4	-	-	4	-
Total treatments carried out - includg. re-treatments	5	-	-	5	-
Number of notices served under Sc.4 of the Act (Treatment and Structural work)	-	-	-	-	-
Number of 'Block' control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-

